

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 16, 2006 in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila
Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter
John Christensen
Chuck Collins
Bob Gates
Ginna Reyes
Tom Ricotta
Howard Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Fuselier

Members present represent a quorum

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Peter Drinkwater
Leeann Lardy
Guillermo "Willie" Vasquez
Anne Paul
Steve Cummings
Dan Thompson

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Finnila announced that applications were available for the PAAC vacancy from San Marcos.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Howard Williams motioned that the minutes for the February 16, 2006 PAAC meeting be approved. Chuck Collins seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with Ms. Finnila abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

PROPOSED NEW LEASES FOR OLYMPIC RESORT HOTEL – L. Lardy

Ms. Lardy introduced Ms. Paul who reviewed the proposal to split the leasehold held by Olympic Resort Hotel and Spa into two separate leaseholds. The first leasehold would continue to include the existing hotel facility which will be upgraded with renovations for including an upgrade of the restaurant facility as well as a potential future expansion of the hotel. The second leasehold would be developed for a new sports facility and day spa. Ted Vallas of Olympic Resort Hotel explained what was being planned for the hotel. Pete Jones, a Vice President with Western Athletic Clubs of San Francisco, California made a presentation of what was planned for the sports facility and day spa. T.G. Vallas, General Manager of Olympic Resort Hotel and Spa, also spoke, mentioning that the addition of two more outdoor tennis courts, part of the renovation, would feature upscale downward cast lighting. The hotel and spa will remain open during the construction. The PAAC asked questions of Ms. Paul, Mr. Jones, Ted Vallas and T.G. Vallas regarding the project. Tom Ricotta moved that the approval be recommended to the Board of Supervisors, Ginna Reyes seconded the motion. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – G. Reyes

The County Airports staff has printed and distributed the first run of the VNAP posters. The Fly Friendly program is an update to an already existing program. Ms. Reyes thanked the committee members for their hard work. She also distributed a schedule of upcoming presentations and the PAAC members coordinated their attendance at the community presentations.

PART 150 UPDATE – G. Vasquez

January 30th was the last day that URS collected comments on their study from the public. At that time they began to consolidate and send the information to County Airports staff for comment. The comments were published on the Airports website approximately March 1st. Airports staff has been reviewing the document. URS has the packet prepared and it should go to the FAA by approximately March 24th.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS – S. Cummings

Operations count from last month which was not available for February's PAAC meeting due to the Air Traffic Control Tower updating their system is as follows:.

- ➔ January, 2006 Operations: 16,165; annual count through January: 16,165.
- ➔ January, 2006 Local Aircraft Operations: 4,530.
- ➔ January, 2006 Itinerant Aircraft Operations: 11,635

Information for February 2006

- ➔ Monthly Operations Count: 14,262
- ➔ Annual Operations Count through February: 30,427
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Enplanements: 3,205
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Enplanements Count through February: 6,569
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 2,838; Revenue In: 2,626; Non-Revenue Out: 367; Non-Revenue In: 336
- ➔ Local Traffic: 4,318
- ➔ Transient Traffic: 9,944
- ➔ Monthly Concerns: 16
- ➔ Annual Concerns through February: 35
- ➔ Ratio of Concerns to Operations: 16 concerns for 14,262 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 191 operations.
- ➔ Noise Concern by area: Southwest: 15 concerns; Oceanside: 1 concern.
- ➔ Noise Concern by aircraft type: Propellers: 4; Jets: 11; Helicopters: 1
- ➔ Noise Concern by time of day: 0700 to 1700: 10; 1700 to 2200: 1; 2200 to 0700: 5

Mr. Cummings also gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the number of flights from 10 pm to 5 am and from 5 am to 7 am for January 2006. Mr. Cummings hypothesized that the flights between 5 am and 7 am were predominantly business jets. The PAAC members thanked Mr. Cummings for the information.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS – ESTABLISH ADHOC ARRIVAL VNAP SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON TO BE SELECTED FROM PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – G. Vasquez

An adhoc VNAP sub-committee is being formed to address the concerns voiced by Jim Desmond of the San Marcos City Council regarding an arrival VNAP pattern for Palomar Airport. Mr. Desmond would like to serve on this sub-committee, which will also include Jim Swain, the airport's contract environmental noise officer, along with representation from the pilot's group, the FBO's and other individuals. At the April PAAC meeting, a list of potential members of the sub-committee will be presented to the PAAC and a motion will be made to create the sub-committee and name a chairperson. Mr. Hutter said that he believed he had forwarded to Mr. Vasquez a list of individuals who were interested in participating on the committee. Ms. Finnila felt that the number of members of the committee should be workable. Mr. Vasquez will talk with Mr. Desmond about the number of people serving on the sub-committee. The goal of the sub-committee is to look into raising the approach level and reduce noise levels in the approach pattern.

STAFF REPORT – G. Vasquez

A letter of interest is being prepared for the people on the tie-down waiting list, which will include cost information. An informational meeting for those on the waiting list and

other interested parties will be held at the Olympic Resort Hotel on May 3rd from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Ms. Reyes raised a question for Mr. Drinkwater regarding concerns about the County managing the North Side Ramp tie-downs and fuel service particularly that it may be construed as direct competition to private enterprise. Mr. Drinkwater explained that for the time being, to start the ramp off and assure control and balance, the County should manage it at first. At some point in the future the project may go out to an RFP. It is planned eventually that the fuel service on the north side will be placed on a mini-RFP and will be handled by one of the FBOs on the airport. While the county would do the accounting for the fuel service an FBO would maintain it. The FBO would also have a cap on the amount they could charge for fuel and would have to be competitive with the price they charge at their own pump. The specifics of the north side ramp project are still being worked out.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Vision Air of Las Vegas, Nevada plans to have a reception at Palomar Airport on Wednesday, April 5th to introduce their proposed service between Carlsbad and Las Vegas and to meet the Carlsbad business community. An article was placed in the North County Times announcing the proposed service. A letter of invitation to the reception from the County was distributed to the PAAC members for approval, which they in turn approved. The details of Vision Air's service are still being determined.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Reyes announced that the Wings over Gillespie Air Show will take place from April 21st through the 23rd, which will include planes, props, filmmakers of aviation movies and television and a B-17, B-24 and B-25, presented by the Collins Foundation. Additionally, the Fallbrook Community Airpark is having an open house on Sunday, April 23rd as part of the Fallbrook Avocado Festival which is occurring that weekend.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON APRIL 20, 2006

Ms. Finnila announced that the next meeting would be held on April 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I